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TAGS: MILI, TW, US

SUBJECT: RESUMPTION OF US/ROC EXERCISES

REF: TAIPEI 7422

1. DEPARTMENT CLEARED SHARK HUNT FOR DECEMBER 15-22, BUT DID NOT REPEAT NOT CLEAR BLUE SKY EXERCISE FOR DECEMBER 18 OR LARK EXERCISE FOR DECEMBER 16. FULLY CONCUR IN EMBASSY'S ACTION IN PREVAILING UPON USTDC TO CANCEL LARK EXERCISE.

2. WE HAVE INFORMED DOD THAT BLUE SKY EXERCISE SHOULD BE CANCELLED AND POSTPONED UNTIL AFTER JANUARY 1, 1976. INITIAL DOD RESPONSE WAS FAVORABLE. DESPITE PRECAUTIONS IMPOSED AFTER INCIDENT OF JANUARY 28 THIS YEAR, BLUE SKY REMAINS UNUSUALLY SENSITIVE ACTIVITY AND WE DO NOT WANT IT RESUMED SO SOON AFTER

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PRESIDENT'S VISIT TO PRC. MOREOVER, CONDUCT OF

BLUE SKY EXERCISE IN CONJUNCTION WITH SHARK HUNT IS  
INCONSISTENT WITH GRADUAL PHASE-IN OF NORMAL MILITARY  
ACTIVITIES IN THE TAIWAN AREA WHICH DOD HAD AGREED  
WOULD TAKE PLACE.

3. IN MEANTIME, EMBASSY SHOULD DECLINE TO APPROVE  
BLUE SKY EXERCISE FOR DECEMBER 18 AND REQUEST THAT

USTDC RESCHEDULE IT TO TAKE PLACE SOME TIME AFTER JANUARY  
1, 1976.

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